

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2017

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Revd Jo Vickery opened the meeting explaining that this was a celebration of what is happening at Christ Church. Remembering the good times and the sad times and especially thinking of Roy Pope and bringing Roy's family to mind. JV prayed.

There were some opening Worship songs and then a reading of Colossians 4 2-6 read by Susie Clark.

Ben Walker, on behalf of the young people, read a prayer. There was a video interview by Anita Dobson with Paula Griffiths explaining what a difference Christ Church had made to her life.

Following on from the 24/7 week of prayer Ian Freestone read out some of the comments made during that week, some of the powerful images were shown and we were reminded that CCD was committed to having prayer at the centre of our lives. Diane Paddon and Charlie Walker each gave one example of answered prayer from the youth and children's work respectively.

AD then asked Jan and Richard Bacon "How God was using them to bless others internationally" and they both gave instances of their work in Kumi. RB explained that as volunteer managers for Mission Direct their main role was to facilitate short mission trips for people to go out to Kumi for 2 weeks at a time to be involved with the building projects which included 2 new classrooms for Kumi School and other projects such as the Orphanage and the ministry at Kumi Prison. JB was building relationships with the Mothers Union in Kumi.

PP asked of the congregation "What was the highlight of the last 12 months in CCD or in our own spiritual journey?". A brief time of sharing followed.

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2016** to be approved: It was proposed by Norman Low and seconded by Mary Massey that we accept the minutes as a true copy. All in favour.
- 2. Matters arising:** None.
- 3. Election of Church Wardens for the coming year:** PP commented that both Andy Smith and Roger Cholmondeley had done a great job serving sacrificially over the past year and were both willing to stand again. All were in favour and PP reiterated our grateful thanks for all they do and all they will continue to do this next year.

Andy Smith and Roger Cholmondeley duly appointed.

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1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2016 to be approved:** It was proposed by Anita Dobson, seconded by Shahne Vickery that the minutes be approved. All were in favour.
2. **A summary of the Life and Mission of Christ Church through the Annual Report:** PP reported that Jon Tooby and Helen Barnett had done an amazing job with the Annual Report this year. He encouraged everyone to read it if they hadn't done so already. Hard copies were available in Church and it was on the website. PP thanked God's faithfulness over the past year.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** PP explained this would be Ray Hackney's last Report as Treasurer as he was retiring after 12 years service. RH explained there had been a delay in getting the final accounts ready for this meeting and there were various reasons for this including having a new Auditor and Book-keeper, and changes in compliancy regulations from the Charity Commission. General Fund had made a surplus this year of £4,000 partly due to reduced staffing costs following Tracie Jenkins resignation as Childrens' Worker, and an underspend on the youth budget due to external funding. It had been agreed at a recent PCC meeting that the surplus be added to our Parish Share contribution to the Diocese, so the General Fund was therefore in a break even position. These accounts had already been presented to the PCC and we should have full audited accounts in a week's time. RH proposed that we accept the Accounts subject to getting a satisfactory Auditor's Report. This was seconded by Andy Smith and unanimously accepted.

RH explained that the Giving4Life team had been very proactive in making sure we were Charity Commission compliant and encouraging us all in our stewardship. The vast majority of our funds come through the generosity of Church members. RH explained that Martin Brown as treasurer and Sally Coates as Book-keeper were now actively leading with our accounts. Jamie Paddon was also being trained in the QuickBook system, and would step up to support/lead as necessary. RH would continue to advise as required.

PP thanked RH for all he had done over the past 12 years and noted the increasing complexity of the role over the years. PP presented RH with a small token of our appreciation.

4. **(a) Election of lay members to the PCC for the coming year:** PP explained that Adam Parfitt was standing down from PCC this year and we were very grateful for all the help he had given the PCC in developing its effectiveness as a governing body. Roy Pope's contribution as Health and Safety Officer was also noted, and PP expressed sadness on behalf of the whole Christ Church Community following his recent death.

PCC nominations for the coming year:

Julian Cox, Debra Turpin, Peter Tiltman, Ian Giles, Jamie Paddon, Helen Barnett, Martin Brown, Bryan Ashton, Miriam Parfitt and Jonathan Dobson.

As this is less than our ceiling amount, they were all approved for membership of the PCC for the coming year. Pause for prayer for PCC members.

PP explained that Maggie Nichols was standing down as PCC Secretary after 3 years service and Miranda Mingay had agreed to take this on. Maggie presented with some flowers as a token of appreciation.

(b) Election of Deanery Synod Members for the coming year:

PP explained that to be a Deanery Synod Member was an important role in the hierarchy of the Church of England structure and they discussed key issues in the life of the Church. Grateful to Andrew Smith, Roger Cholmondeley and Richard Ward for agreeing to stand. These three were approved as we are allowed four members.

(c) Appointment of Deputy Wardens for the Church Centre for the coming year:

Sally Green and Mary Massey were both willing to continue to serve in this capacity. Members of the community were really blessed with the flowers that Mary takes each week. It was proposed by RH, seconded by DG and all were in favour of these appointments.

5. (a) Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer:

In Elissa Murphy's absence Maggie presented the up to date figures for the Electoral Roll, being 20 new people added, 7 removed leaving a total of 305 on the Electoral Roll for 2017/2018. Elissa was happy to continue in the role and was duly re-appointed.

(b) Appointment of Health and Safety Officer: Roy had been doing this for several years and the Church Wardens would take this role on for the time being. The appointment of a successor to Roy would be a priority of the new PCC.

6. **Appointment of independent examiner/auditor for the coming year:** We had changed Auditors during the year to Burton Sweet and they were happy to continue in this role. It was proposed by Ray Hackney, seconded by Nigel Stowe and all were in favour.

This was the end of the business part of the meeting.

AD explained that as we had looked back over the last year and key appointments had been made, we were now looking forward to an exciting year. A Diocesan initiative called "Thy Kingdom Come" encouraged us to share our faith with friends, neighbours and colleagues. To this end we have been encouraged to pray specifically at the early morning prayer meetings at 7 am from 22nd May. Tuesday nights in June for the whole month were being set aside for the parish to get together to explore ways of sharing our faith. There were some resources ie family boxes, leather bands, bookmarks to help us with this.

Building4Life:

Mike Parsons on the vision, and why we are doing this: Report attached.

Dave Green explaining how we had got to where we are now: Report attached.

Jo Vickery explaining some of the improvements we hope to make: Report attached.

JV closed the meeting with prayer.